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**MESSAGE**

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Attached are the informal proposed claim amendments for your review. I will call you on Friday, November 15, 2002, at 2:00 Eastern time to discuss. If you need to contact me in the meantime, please call me at (303) 546-1394. Thank you.

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**PROPOSED CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

1. (twice amended) A cable television system, comprising:  
a cable television transmission portion providing a television signal and capable of receiving upstream information regarding said television signal;  
a data transmission portion providing computer network access to one or more computer networks; [and]

one or more dedicated lines independently connecting one or more corresponding users to said cable television transmission portion and to said data transmission portion, with a particular dedicated line independently connecting a corresponding particular user to said cable television transmission portion and further independently connecting said corresponding particular user to said data transmission portion[,]; and

one or more dedicated system modems corresponding to said one or more dedicated lines and in communication with said data transmission portion and one or more corresponding user modems;

wherein said particular dedicated line communicates cable television information between said particular user and said cable television transmission portion and further communicates computer data between said particular user and a corresponding dedicated system modem of said data transmission portion, and wherein said television signal and said computer network access are provided to said particular user independent of information provided to other users.

6. (twice amended) The system of claim 1 wherein said one or more dedicated lines includes coaxial cable.

7. (twice amended) The system of claim [3] 1 wherein said one or more dedicated system modems and said one or more corresponding user modems include a first channel for upstream communication and a second channel for downstream communication.

15. (twice amended) A cable television system, comprising:

a cable television transmission portion providing a television signal and capable of receiving upstream information regarding said television signal, said cable television transmission portion comprising a cable service provider electrically connected to a cable junction box wherein said cable junction box is independently electrically connected to a particular user terminal using a corresponding particular dedicated line of one or more dedicated lines; and

a data transmission portion providing computer network access to one or more computer networks, said data transmission portion comprising a data server electrically connected to a data junction box, wherein said data junction box is configured to convert a digital signal from said data server to an analog signal, and [wherein] with said data junction box further comprising one or more dedicated system modems corresponding to said one or more dedicated lines and wherein a dedicated system modem is independently electrically connected to a corresponding particular user modem of said particular user terminal with said corresponding particular dedicated line;

wherein said television signal and said computer network access are provided to said particular user independent of information provided to other users.

17. (twice amended) A method for transferring electronic data between a cable television [system] transmission portion, a data transmission portion, and a user, the method comprising:

independently connecting one or more users to [a] said cable television transmission portion and to [a] said data transmission portion of said cable television system using one or more corresponding dedicated lines;

transferring computer data between a particular dedicated system modem of said data transmission portion and a particular user over a particular dedicated line of said one or more dedicated lines and independent of dedicated lines to other users; and

transferring a television signal between said cable television transmission portion and said particular user over said particular dedicated line and independent of said dedicated lines to said other users.

20. (Amended) The cable television system of claim 1, wherein said particular dedicated line comprises a split line, with a first branch of said split line connecting to said cable television transmission portion and with a second branch connecting to said data transmission portion.

21. (Amended) The cable television system of claim 1, wherein said particular dedicated line comprises a pair of lines, with a first line of said pair of lines connecting said particular user to said cable television transmission portion and with a second line connecting said particular user to said data transmission portion.

22. (Amended) The cable television system of claim 1, wherein said particular dedicated line comprises a pair of lines, with a first line of said pair of lines connecting said data transmission portion to said cable television transmission portion and with a second line connecting said particular user to either said cable television transmission portion or to said data transmission portion.

23. (Amended) The cable television system of claim 15, wherein said particular dedicated line comprises a split line, with a first branch of said split line connecting to said cable television transmission portion and with a second branch connecting to said data transmission portion.

24. (Amended) The cable television system of claim 15, wherein said particular dedicated line comprises a pair of lines, with a first line of said pair of lines connecting said particular user to said cable television transmission portion and with a second line connecting said particular user to said data transmission portion.

25. (Amended) The cable television system of claim 15, wherein said particular dedicated line comprises a pair of lines, with a first line of said pair of lines connecting said data transmission portion to said cable television transmission portion and with a second line connecting said particular user to either said cable television transmission portion or to said data transmission portion.

#### **PROPOSED CLAIM CANCELLATIONS**

Claims 3 and 16 may be cancelled along with the above claim amendments